

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
 - 2 adding a first plurality of data elements to a second plurality of data elements
 - 3 generating a plurality of intermediate results;
 - 4 adding two of the plurality of intermediate results and repeating with different
 - 5 combinations of the plurality of intermediate results generating a plurality
 - 6 of sum results; and
- 7 discarding the two least significant bits of each sum result of the plurality of sum
- 8 results.
- 9 2. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
 - 10 performing a carry in of a value of one when performing the adding the first
 - 11 plurality of data elements to the second plurality of data elements.
- 12 3. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
 - 13 performing a carry in of a rounding term when performing the adding the two of
 - 14 the plurality of intermediate results and the repeating.
- 15 4. The method as recited in Claim 3, wherein the rounding term is a variable
- 16 capable of having a value of one and, at a different time, a value of zero.
- 17 5. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
 - 18 performing a carry in of a value of one when adding the first plurality of data
 - 19 elements to the second plurality of data elements; and

20 performing a carry in of a rounding term when adding the two of the plurality of
21 intermediate results and when repeating.

22 6. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of data elements
23 and the second plurality of data elements each comprise eight eight-bit unsigned data
24 elements.

25 7. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of data elements
26 and the second plurality of data elements each comprise eight sixteen-bit data elements.

27 8. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the method comprises executing a
28 Single-Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) instruction.

29 9. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the method is performed utilizing
30 Single-Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) circuitry.

31 10. A method comprising:
32 adding an i_{th} data element of a first source to an i_{th} data element of a second
33 source creating an i_{th} intermediate result for $i = 1$ to N , wherein N is an
34 integer greater than 1;
35 adding a j_{th} intermediate result to a $(j+1)_{th}$ intermediate result creating a j_{th} sum
36 result for $j = 1$ to $(N-1)$; and
37 discarding two least significant bits of each j_{th} sum result.

38 11. The method as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:

39 performing a carry in of a value of one when adding the i_{th} data element of the
40 first source to the i_{th} data element of the second source; and
41 performing a carry in of a rounding term when adding the j_{th} intermediate result to
42 the $(j+1)_{th}$ intermediate result.

43 12. The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the rounding term is selected
44 from a group consisting of a value of one and a value of zero.

45 13. The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein $N = 8$.

46 14. The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the method is performed during
47 execution of a Single-Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) instruction.

48 15. An apparatus comprising:
49 a plurality of first adders, each first adder of the plurality of first adders operative
50 to add two operands of a plurality of operands into one of a plurality of
51 intermediate results;
52 a plurality of second adders, each second adder of the plurality of second adders
53 operative to add two intermediate results of the plurality of intermediate
54 results into one of a plurality of sum results; and
55 discard circuitry operative to discard the two least significant bits of each sum
56 result of the plurality of sum results.

57 16. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the plurality of first adders
58 comprises eight first adders and the plurality of second adders comprises seven second
59 adders.

60 17. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the discard circuitry comprises
61 a plurality of shift registers.

62 18. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein each of the first adders are
63 operative to add two eight-bit input operands producing a nine-bit intermediate operand
64 and each of the second adders are operative to add two nine-bit intermediate operands
65 producing a ten-bit output operand.

66 19. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein each of the first adders are
67 operative to add two sixteen-bit input operands producing a seventeen-bit intermediate
68 operand and each of the second adders are operative to add two seventeen-bit
69 intermediate operands producing an eighteen-bit operand.

70 20. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein routing of the plurality of
71 operands and the plurality of intermediate results to the plurality of first adders and the
72 plurality of second adders is selected according to microcode identified by a Single-
73 Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) instruction.

74 21. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein routing of the plurality of
75 operands and the plurality of intermediate results to the plurality of first adders and the

76 plurality of second adders is selected according to decode logic and a Single-
77 Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) instruction.

78 22. The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the plurality of first adders, the
79 plurality of second adders, and the discard circuitry form a Single-Instruction/Multiple-
80 Data (SIMD) instruction execution circuit.

81 23. An apparatus comprising:
82 a plurality of first adders operative to add an i_{th} data element of a first source to an
83 i_{th} data element of a second source generating an i_{th} intermediate result for
84 $i = 1$ to N , wherein N is an integer greater than 1;
85 a plurality of second adders operative to add a j_{th} intermediate result to a $(j+1)_{th}$
86 intermediate result generating a j_{th} sum result for $j = 1$ to $(N-1)$; and
87 circuitry operative to discard two least significant bits of each j_{th} sum result.

88 24. The apparatus as recited in Claim 23, wherein the circuitry comprises a
89 plurality of shift registers.

90 25. The apparatus as recited in Claim 23, wherein routing of the plurality of
91 operands and the plurality of intermediate results to the plurality of first adders and the
92 plurality of second adders is selected according to microcode identified by a Single-
93 Instruction/Multiple-Data (SIMD) instruction.

94 26. A method comprising:
95 decoding an instruction identifying an averaging operation;

96 executing the instruction on a first source and a second source, wherein the first
97 source comprises a first plurality of data elements and the second source
98 comprises a second plurality of data elements; and
99 storing a result, wherein the result comprises a third plurality of data elements;
100 wherein the executing the instruction comprises:
101 adding successive ones of the first plurality of data elements to successive
102 ones of the second plurality of data elements generating a plurality
103 of intermediate results;
104 adding two of the plurality of intermediate results and repeating with
105 different combinations of the plurality of intermediate results
106 generating a plurality of sum; and
107 discarding the two least significant bits of each sum result of the plurality
108 of sum results generating the result.

109 27. The method as recited in Claim 26, wherein the executing the instruction
110 further comprises:

111 performing a carry in of a value of one when adding the successive ones of the
112 first plurality of data elements to the successive ones of the second
113 plurality of data elements; and

114 performing a carry in of a rounding term when adding the two of the plurality of
115 intermediate results and when repeating.

116 28. The method as recited in Claim 27, wherein the rounding term is selected
117 from a group consisting of a value of one and a value of zero.

118 29. An apparatus comprising:
119 a coprocessor interface unit to identify an instruction for an averaging operation, a
120 first source having a first plurality of data elements and a second source
121 having a second plurality of data elements;
122 an execution unit to perform the averaging operation on the first plurality of data
123 elements and the second plurality of data elements; and
124 a register to store a result having a third plurality of data elements;
125 wherein the execution unit is operative to:
126 add successive ones of the first plurality of data elements to successive
127 ones of the second plurality of data elements generating a plurality
128 of intermediate results;
129 add two of the plurality of intermediate results and repeating with different
130 combinations of the plurality of intermediate results generating a
131 plurality of sum results; and
132 discard the two least significant bits of each sum result of the plurality of
133 sum results forming the result.

134 30. The apparatus as recited in Claim 29, wherein the execution unit is further
135 operative to:
136 perform a carry in of a value of one when adding the successive ones of the first
137 plurality of data elements to the successive ones of the second plurality of
138 data elements; and
139 perform a carry in of a rounding term when adding the two of the plurality of
140 intermediate results and when repeating.

141 31. The apparatus as recited in Claim 30, wherein the rounding term is selected
142 from a group consisting of a value of one and a value of zero.

143 32. A data processing system comprising:
144 an addressable memory to store an instruction for an averaging operation;
145 a processing core coupled to the addressable memory, the processor core
146 comprising:
147 an execution core to access the instruction;
148 a first source register to store a first plurality of data elements;
149 a second source register to store a second plurality of data elements; and
150 a destination register to store a plurality of results of the averaging
151 operation;
152 a wireless interface to receive a digital signal comprising a third plurality of data
153 elements; and
154 an I/O system to provide the first and second plurality of data elements to the first
155 and second source registers from the third plurality of data elements;
156 wherein the execution core is operative to:
157 add successive ones of the first plurality of data elements to successive
158 ones of the second plurality of data elements generating a plurality
159 of intermediate results;
160 add two of the plurality of intermediate results and repeating with different
161 combinations of the plurality of intermediate results generating a
162 plurality of sum results; and

163 discard the two least significant bits of each sum result of the plurality of
164 sum results generating the plurality of results.

165 33. The data processing system as recited in Claim 32, wherein the execution core
166 is further operative to:

167 perform a carry in of a value of one when adding the successive ones of the first
168 plurality of data elements to the successive ones of the second plurality of
169 data elements; and

170 perform a carry in of a rounding term when adding the two of the plurality of
171 intermediate results and when repeating.

172 34. The data processing system as recited in Claim 33, wherein the rounding term
173 is a variable capable of having a value of one and, at a different time, a value of zero.

174 35. An article comprising a machine-readable medium that includes machine
175 readable instructions, the instructions operative to cause a machine to:

176 add a first plurality of data elements to a second plurality of data elements
177 generating a plurality of intermediate results;
178 add two of the plurality of intermediate results and repeating with different
179 combinations of the plurality of intermediate results generating a plurality
180 of sum results; and

181 discard the two least significant bits of each sum result of the plurality of sum
182 results generating a result.

183 36. The article as recited in Claim 35, the instructions further operative to:

184 perform a carry in of a value of one when adding the first plurality of data
185 elements to the second plurality of data elements; and
186 perform a carry in of a rounding term when adding the two of the plurality of
187 intermediate results and when repeating.